RESCUE SQUAD

The Town of Star is fortunate to have a well organized staff of volunteers poised and capable of saving lives endangered by the sudden accidents of fate and whims of human frailty. Organized in 1965, the Star Rescue Squad is composed of six citizens whose efforts are supported by the larger Montgomery County Rescue Unit. A 1961 Cadillac ambulance is used to answer an average of two calls each month.

No major problems are encountered and the arrangement is adequate for present needs. Future requirements will be directly related to population change and the intensity and direction of land development.

CIVIL DEFENSE

Star's Civil Defense Unit is inactive, as is Montgomery County's. This county wide inactivity reflects either a general confidence in the wisdom of the modern super-state or citizen apathy at the local level. Whatever the root cause might be, the fact is that Star's former organization of fifteen volunteers has not met for over a year, shelters have not been selected and marked, public education has not occurred and preparations for the worst have not been made.

A Civil Defense program for a Town of Star's size would normally consist of an adult education and shelter management program, police and fire station cooperation and training in medical and self help. At least one member in each family should be knowledgeable in extended medical self help. Yet, Star cannot create a workable program in this area without the support and encouragement of Montgomery County. Town officials might want to inquire as to why little has and is being done in this area.